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Lt. H. Verney

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Transmit letter with enclosures from Mr E. PERKINS, Hoopla Agent at Rhodes who seeks assistance re his property in Palestine requestionet during the war by the Palestine Police

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Sir Harry Verney,
G.C.V.O.,
33 Hyde Park Gate
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Sir,

I am directed etc. to acknowledge ^{the} receipt of your letter of September 16th, enclosing a letter which you have received from Mr. E Perkins, Lloyds' Agent at Rhodes, about the requisitioning of certain property in Palestine. ^{N.P.} As this is a matter for the Colonial Office, Mr. Bevin is causing your letter to be transferred to that department, who will no doubt be communicating further with you.

I am, Sir,
your obedient servant,

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(signed) BAB Bullock

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S.P.1.

28th September, 1947.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Bevin to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 16th September, enclosing a letter which you have received from Mr. E. Perkins, Lloyds' Agent at Rhodes, about the requisitioning of certain property in Palestine.

As this is a matter for the Colonial Office, Mr. Bevin is causing your letter to be transferred to that department, who will no doubt be communicating further with you.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Sgd. R.B.S. Bushon

Sir Harry Verney, G.C.V.O.,
33 Hyde Park Gate,
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 FROM *M. H. Hammer*
 No. *Norwegian Embassy*
 Dated *9/28/1947*
 Received in Registry *8 Nov 13*

Polish Real Property. M. A. Mendelsohn.
 Gives details of transfer of two plots of land belonging to M. A. Mendelsohn deceased, to his son M. Philip Mendelsohn, at present held by the Custodian of Enemy Property in Jerusalem asks for intervention on behalf of M. Philip Mendelsohn to enable him to gain possession without further delay.

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*This is a matter for the C.O.
 Drafts accordingly.*

References.

*Northern Dept. first
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*G. P. M. Hammer, Norwegian Embassy
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*apt. M. Hammer
 Norwegian Legation
 from M. Talbot
 Nov. 21*

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G. P. M. 24/11

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Royal Norwegian Embassy

London, 8th November, 1947.

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Letter 6
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WY 202

No. 948/1947.

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13 NOV

Dear Mr. Talbot,

I refer to yesterday's telephone conversation regarding the transfer of real property in Palestine, and as mentioned I shall try to give you further details of the matter:

Upon the death of a Norwegian subject Mr. Aron Mendelsohn, who was killed in Auswitz, Germany, on the 4th of March, 1943, his legal heirs have agreed to transfer two plots of land in Palestine belonging to the deceased to one of his sons, Mr. Phillip Mendelsohn, who is at present living at Kfar Schmarjahu, Herzliah, Palestine. In spite of repeated efforts both by Mr. Phillip Mendelsohn and lately by the Norwegian Vice Consul in Tel Aviv it has not been possible to effectuate this transfer, as the Custodian of Enemy Property in Jerusalem has so far refused to release the property, which is regarded as being inherited from an "enemy". For your information I enclose copies of letter to the Norwegian Vice Consul in Tel Aviv from the Custodian of Enemy Property (Palestine), Jerusalem, dated the 13th of August, 1947, and from the Government of Palestine, Chief Secretary's Office, Jerusalem, dated the 11th of September last.

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M.J.R. Talbot, Esq.,
Foreign Office,
S.W.1.

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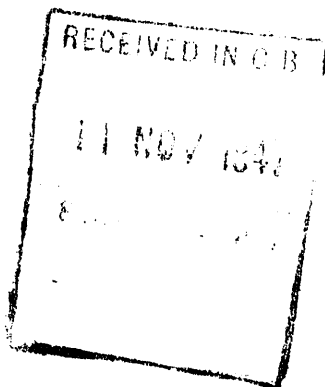
I am informed that the probate of the estate has now been completed and that all outstanding ~~death~~ duties are paid and that the plots of land in question are the following:

Afula: 1/ Block No 16686 - Parcel 4
2/ " " 16694 - " 9
Petah Tiqvah Kfar Gahnin: Block No.6716 Parcel 3
" " " " 20

I should be grateful for your kind intermediary in having this matter brought to the attention of the appropriate authorities with a view to having Mr. Mendelsohn's property released by the Custodian of Enemy Property in Palestine without further delay.

Yours sincerely,

Wm. Thomsen
First Secretary.



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CUSTODIAN OF ENEMY PROPERTY
(PALESTINE)

JERUSALEM

13th August 1947.

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Sir,

Subject: ESTATE OF THE LATE MR. ARON MENDELSON.

I have the honour to refer to your letter, dated 29th July, 1947, and to inform you that the release of the estate of Mr. Aron Mendelsohn to his heirs has to be held temporarily in abeyance, in accordance with directions received from the High Commissioner, pending a clarification of several questions connected with the release of estates of deceased "enemies".

A communication to that effect was forwarded to Mr. Phillip Mendelsohn of Kfar Shmaryahu on 9th May 1947, and meantime no new instructions enabling me to release property inherited from "enemies" have been received.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Sd: Th. P. Schiff
for Custodian

Vice-Consul for Norway,
Royal Norwegian Consulate,
P.O.B. 1666
TEL AVIV

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GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE
CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE
JERUSALEM

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11th September 1947.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter dated the 18th August, 1947, relating to the estate of the late Mr. Aron Mendelsohn, and to state that it is understood that you have received an answer to your enquiry direct from the Custodian of Enemy Property.

It is regretted that at present the release of the property in question cannot be effected and that this decision is not affected by the fact that Norway has ceased to be enemy territory.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant
Sd: H.A.C. Dobbs
for A/Chief Secretary

Vice-Consul for Norway,
Royal Norwegian Consulate,
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Mr. Thomassen
Norwegian Legation
from M.J.R.
Mr. Talbot

Many thanks for
~~will you please refer to~~
your letter no. 748/1947 of the 8th
November about the transfer of real
property in Palestine.

We have this question ~~has been~~
referred to the Colonial Office
and as soon as a reply is received
from them, I shall let you know.

Mr. Talbot first
replied
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21st November, 1947.

No E 10607/8619/31

Dear Monsieur Thommessen,

Many thanks for your letter No. 948/1947 of the 8th November about the transfer of real property in Palestine.

We have referred this question to the Colonial Office and I shall let you know as soon as a reply is received from them.

Yours sincerely

(Sgd.) (M. J. R. Talbot)

Monsieur Knut Thommessen,
Norwegian Embassy,
10, Palace Green,
W. 8.

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Mr. Mathison c.o.

from J.E.
Mr. Sable

I enclose a copy of a letter received from the Norwegian Legation about the transfer of real property in Palestine and should be grateful for your guidance on the reply to be sent.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W. 1.

21st November, 1947.
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Dear Mathieson,

I enclose a copy of a letter received from the Norwegian Legation about the transfer of real property in Palestine and should be grateful for your guidance on the reply to be sent.

Yours sincerely

(Sgd.) (J.E. Cable)

W.A.C. Mathieson, Esq.,
Colonial Office.

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Royal Norwegian Embassy

27 am
London, 22nd January, 1948.

No. 25/1948.

E 10607/8619/31

Dear Mr. Talbot,

28 JAN 1948

May I refer to your letter No. E 10607/8619/31 of the 21st November last regarding the transfer of real property in Palestine.

I should be most grateful if you would kindly let me know whether I may soon expect a reply to my inquiry.

Yours sincerely,



First Secretary.

10607/8619/31

M.J.R. Talbot, Esq.,
Foreign Office,
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Palatine Real Property, A. Mendelsohn
 Refer to letter (E10607/8619/31) re a UK. the property
 a Palatine owned by Norwegian some under the control
 of the Custodian of Enemy Property as a result of
 the German occupation of Norway. The release of
 such property is now being effected in UK as a result
 of an agreement between Norwegian Govt and HMGO.
 Palatine ask for four modifications to the UK agreement
 in its application to these territories. Does not doubt
 that when agreement is reached, property will be
 released.

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 Norwegian Emb
 from Mr. Mallot.

Wings. Mathison O.O.
 - B. R. J. Dept "
 H.A. Anderson - -

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(Minutes.)

are there any papers about these
 negotiations with the Norwegian Govt
 with

Nothing left?

We only seem to have N8743/8743/30 of
 1946, which is attached. From this it
 appears that Mr. L.W. Pate of the Colonial Office
 took over the Norwegians' original enquiries, since when
 also we have had no more papers entered N.

Joble
 (S.E. CABHE)
 28/11

W. McKenzie Johnston
 H.B. MCKENZIE JOHNSTON
 5/11/47

The C.O. confirm that these negotiations
 have been carried on direct with the
 Norwegian Embassy and that, since
 Mr. Mathison's letter was written, agreement
 has been reached.

Letter to Mr. Thomassen accordingly.

Northen Dept first Very many apologies indeed.
 This paper got hidden quite
 inadvertently until to-day.

Joble
 (S.E. CABHE)
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The Church House,
Great Smith Street,
London, S.W. 1.

November 25, 1947.

My Reference.....

Your Reference.....

Dear Cable,

28 NOV

Thank you for your letter, E 10607/8619/31, of November 21 about the enquiry received from the Norwegian Legation about the transfer of property from Palestine. As in the United Kingdom the property in Palestine owned by Norwegians came under the control of the Custodian of Enemy Property as a result of the German occupation of Norway. The release of such property is now being effected in the United Kingdom as a result of an agreement between the Norwegian Government and HMG. This agreement contained a clause to the effect that Colonial Governments would have to make analogous arrangements. The Palestine Government, however, has asked for four modifications to the U.K. agreement in its application to their territory. I understand that these suggested modifications have been referred to the Norwegian Legation on October 10, 1947 and acknowledged by them. As yet, however, they have not indicated their approval of these modifications and all Norwegian assets in Palestine therefore remain under the control of the Custodian of Enemy Property until the Norwegian reaction to the proposals of the Palestine Government is ascertained. We have no reason to doubt that the property referred to in the enclosures to your letter will be released as soon as the

/Norwegian

J.E. CABLE, ESQ.

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Norwegian Government has indicated its agreement with the Palestine proposals for modifying the Anglo-Norwegian Property Agreement.

Yours sincerely,
W.A.C. Mathieson

(W.A.C. Mathieson)

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Norwegian Embassy
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Mr. Talbot

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Commercial Relations
& Supplies Dept.
A.S.A.
(Mr. Anderson)

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(F.R.C. 18/12)

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In my letter no. E 10607/8614/31 of the 21st November ~~1948~~ about the transfer of real property in Palestine, I promised to let you have a more detailed reply as soon as we had heard from the C.O.

2. As you are probably aware, Norwegian property in Palestine, like Norwegian property in the U.K. came under the control of the Custodian of Enemy Property when Norway was occupied by the Germans. The release of such property in the U.K. is now taking place in accordance with an agreement between H.M.G. and the Norwegian Govt. Release of similar property in Palestine has been held up pending the negotiation of certain modifications to this agreement proposed by the Govt. of Palestine.

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3. Now that the Colonial Office and the Norwegian Embassy have ~~reached~~ ^{reached} agreement on this question, subject to the views of the Govt. of Palestine, the release of Mr. Mindelsolm's property should not be long delayed. If you require any further information on this subject, perhaps you would be good enough to get in touch with the Colonial Office (Commercial Relations and Supplies Dept.) with whom the Norwegian Embassy have hitherto carried on direct ~~negotiated~~ negotiations on this question.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

29th January 1948.

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Knut Thomassen

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2. As you are probably aware, Norwegian property in Palestine, like Norwegian property in the United Kingdom came under the control of the Custodian of Enemy Property when Norway was occupied by the Germans. The release of such property in the United Kingdom is now taking place in accordance with an agreement between His Majesty's Government and the Norwegian Government. Release of similar property in Palestine has been held up pending the negotiation of certain modifications to this agreement proposed by the Government of Palestine.

3. Now that the Colonial Office and the Norwegian Embassy have reached agreement on this question, subject to the views of the Government of Palestine, the release of Mr. Mendelsohn's property should not be long delayed. If you require any further information on this subject, perhaps you would be good enough to get in touch with the Colonial Officer (Commercial Relations and Supplies Department), with whom the Norwegian Embassy have hitherto carried on direct negotiations on this question.

M.J.R. (M.J.R. Talbot)

Monsieur Knut Thomassen,
Norwegian Embassy,
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